



FEBRUARY / MARCH 2023



**FROM THE
QUARTERDECK**

A Report from
the Vice
Commodore

Tony Bullard

“Where has our summer gone?” everyone asks. And at the time of writing its getting even worse with much of the region subject to extreme weather and/or flood events. Could this be our future summers as a result of climate change? Let’s hope not and hope that summer may arrive in February. Hopefully most of you have survived the bad weather OK.

Boating has been a distant thought for most of us. I know a few hardy members have been out there exploring the seas over the last few weeks and good on you - you hardy souls. When there’s a weather window, you need to go for it.

I had my own weather window just before Christmas. My son, his wife, and our two grand-daughters aged 4 and 6 were visiting from London. The forecast for 3 days looked ok so off we went.

Five on a Davidson 28 is cosy but easily done – they were built for six! We didn’t go far – just to Motuihe and one of my favourite bays at Rakino – Woody Bay.

It was a special time watching the London city kids getting back to nature, learning to swim, body boarding, catching fish and making sandcastles. They even learnt, shock horror to them, that you can get around in bare feet!

We are so lucky to have the amazing Hauraki Gulf and further afield as our playground and setting for making wonderful memories.

The sailing calendar resumes this weekend with a race down to Ponui Island on Saturday culminating in a visit to Man O War winery on Waitangi Day. Weather gods permitting of course. Here’s hoping we get a full season in from here on.

Down in our clubhouse, the clubhouse is open Thursday to Sunday and our caterers are resuming Friday night meals this week. If you haven’t been down for a while, get this into your social calendar. We’re also doing free hot chips or cheese boards on the other non-meal nights.

The management committee is looking into improving the Sir Peter Blake Lounge experience and so we are rearranging some of our Sir Peter Blake memorabilia, cleaning up

the clutter in the lounge area, and improving some seating options in the lounge, bar and dining areas.

We want your experience in the club to be as enjoyable as possible, so if you have any other ideas, let us know. Looking forward to seeing you all down there again soon.

Fingers crossed the weather improves and have an enjoyable rest of the summer.

Tony



SAILING NOTICES

Races to look forward to in February and March:

Waitangi Day Passage — Saturday 4 Feb— 1100 hrs start

Cruising Series #4 Round the Islands Ponui — Sunday 5 Feb — 1000 hrs start

Ladies Helm Race — Saturday 11 Feb — 1000 hrs start

Duder Cup Regatta — Saturday 25 Feb — 1000 hrs start

Cruising Series #5 Rocky Bay — Saturday 4 March — 1000 hrs start

3-Handed Gulf Rally — Friday 17 to Sunday 19 March — 0900 hrs start


Cruising Series #6 Woody Bay — Saturday 25 March — 1000 hrs start

RACING RESULTS

January's Anniversary Weekend racing was cancelled due to the particularly inclement weather.







**WAITANGI DAY
PASSAGE RACE**
Saturday 4th February
Starts 11:00am
TE KAWAU BAY, PONUI ISLAND

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**ROUND THE ISLANDS
PONUI**
Sunday 5th February
Starts 10:00am
WAIHEKE CHANNEL

SPONSORED BY
Man O' War Winery



Prize Giving and BBQ on Beach at 17:00 on Sunday 5th February



Club visit to Man O' War Winery, Man O' War Bay - 6th February
Everyone welcome. Bookings will need to be pre-arranged.
Email emmaaw@icloud.com

For sailing instructions and notice of race visit dyc.org.nz

Please book your brunch choice in advance by emailing tastingroom@manowar.co.nz

Please let Emma know if you intend to be at brunch by emailing emmaaw@icloud.com



DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB LADIES DAY SATURDAY 11th February 2023



OWHANAKE BAY
Start 1000hrs



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After race: Prize giving and BBQ on the beach at 1700hrs.
Everybody welcome.

For sailing instructions and notice of race visit dyc.org.nz



DUDER CUP SATURDAY 25th February REGATTA

DIVISION 1 DUDER CUP

Open – with extras
Start 10:00hrs

DIVISION 2 GEORGE WINSTONE JNR Classic A & Modern Classics

Start 10:05hrs

DIVISION 3 WOOD SHIELD

Mullet boats
Start 10:10hrs

DIVISION 4 COL WILD TROPHY & WOOLLACOTT CUP

Classic B & Wollacott Design
Start 10:15hrs

DIVISION 5 GAINOR JACKSON

Open – no extras
Start 10:15hrs



A special invite to all Club
boats to participate in our
blue ribbon event



Sponsored by New World Devonport



For sailing instructions and notice of race visit dyc.org.nz

NEW WORLD





Devonport
Yacht Club Inc.

ROCKY BAY RACE

Cruising Race 12

SATURDAY 4th March 2023

A DIVISION

Jock Waddell Memorial Cup
Start Time: 10:00am

TIME LIMIT: 16.30 hrs

B DIVISION

Corbans Wine Cup
Start time: 10:05am

TIME LIMIT: 16.30 hrs

Prize Giving and BBQ on the beach at 17:00 hrs

For sailing instructions and notice of race visit dyc.org.nz





3-HANDED 17th - 19th MARCH GULF RALLY



DIVISION 1: TREVITHIC CUP
**DIVISION 2: NORTH SHORE
REGATTA TROPHY**



SPONSORED BY **NAVICO** **B&G** **SIMRAD** **LOWRANCE** **M&P**

For sailing instructions and notice of race visit dyc.org.nz





WOODY BAY RAKING

SATURDAY
25th March 2023

Breakfast
at
Andy and
Lyn's

**A DIVISION
ROSE BOWL
START 1000HRS**

**B DIVISION
MAUD SHIELD
START 1005HRS**

RACE SPONSORED BY HOUNSELL ACCOUNTING LTD



After race: Prize giving and BBQ on the beach at 1700hrs
Everybody welcome.
For sailing instructions and notice of race visit dyc.org.nz

SOCIAL EVENTS

Club Visit to Man O War Winery, Waiheke — Waitangi Day, 6 February 2023

Everyone is welcome for brunch at Man O War Winery, Man O War Bay on Monday 6 February from 10am. We'll be booking a long table at the winery for brunch.

Please let Emma Cliffe know if you will be there so that she can reserve a seat for you!

Emmaaw@me.com

Auckland Maritime Museum Invites You to Set Sail on a Heritage Vessel on the Waitemata Harbour in 2023

Auckland Maritime Museum has opening for volunteer crew of all levels of experience on board both Breeze and Ted Ashby in 2023:

Commitment: 6 months, 1 day per week or fortnight (approx. 10am – 3pm)

Requirements: Communication skills, physical work.
Training given

Volunteers get hands-on sailing experience on the museum's heritage vessels, and engage with the public as they raise the sails and negotiate the waters of the Waitemata Harbour. As well as engaging, supporting, and communicating with visitors, you'll assist the Master operate the vessel as directed.

Alternatively, you can spend a day with your family and friends sailing as paying guests.

At the end of November, spaces are currently still available to sail on Breeze on:

- 11 February 2023
- 25 February 2023
- 11 March 2023
- 25 March 2023

The cost is \$95pp and booking can be made on the Maritime Museum website

www.maritimemuseum.co.nz or by calling 09 373 0807.



SALTY TALES

LA MER, MEREDITH, LUCY AND ME

By Don Skotty and Meredith Wilkinson

The Adventure Begins

In 2019 we decided to follow our dreams and sell our mountain home in Breckenridge, Colorado, USA and buy a sailboat to sail around the world with our Sheep-a-Doodle, Lucy, in tow. Three years into our journey we find ourselves here in Devonport, New Zealand, having arrived on our 36-foot Island Packet sloop “La Mer”.



Transitions

Our transition from a large mountain home, to “La Mer” has been quite the undertaking for all three of us. Meredith jokes the entire boat is smaller than her closet in Breckenridge. Her largest challenge, after reducing her wardrobe, was how to provision and produce nutritious and delicious meals from the tiny galley. Over the voyages, she has mastered that task in any sea condition whether she prepares meals by cooking on the floor or strapping herself to the stove.



Don’s main issue too, was space. Namely for tools and spare parts. But his greatest accomplishment was his transition from traversing the high seas aboard a US Navy helicopter carrier as a junior officer to achieving a level of confidence in each of the skills provided by the crew of 500 and 50 officers to captaining a tiny sloop with only his wife and dog to serve as crew. Lucy quickly adapted from her endless backyard chasing fox and moose to having only a small puppy pad on the bow and a hunt for dolphins and turtles.



The Journey

San Diego to Mexico

We began our adventure in January 2020 in San Diego, California where we transformed our coastal cruiser into a vessel fit for the open sea (adding a 6.5 kw diesel generator, solar panels, Iridium GO sat phone and a robust arch with dinghy davit). We set sail for San Jose del Cabo, Mexico on the Sea of Cortez, arriving in March 2020, perfectly timed to avoid the pandemic that was quickly changing the face of the planet. Over the course of 13 months La Mer visited other ports, including La Paz, Loretto (staying at the stunning Marina Puerto Escondido) and finally Mazatlan on the Mexican mainland.

During this time a new jib was added along with AIS and a water-maker. With experience under our belts and a boat fit to cross the Pacific, we were finally ready to make our first blue water crossing to Hawaii.

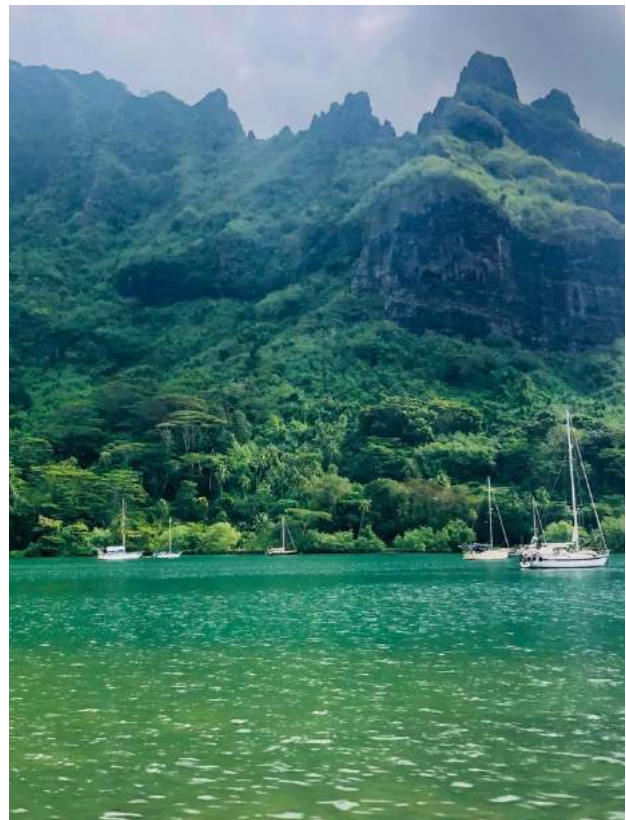
Mexico to Hawaii

We departed Mazatlan in April 2021. Strong tradewinds delivered La Mer to Hilo, Hawaii in a mere 28 days. The food was amazing with fresh vegetables through to the arrival in Hawaii. We experienced typical passage problems (i.e., broken generator, ergo no water-maker, and a blown-out main). Meredith named the main, “Frankenstein’s” due to its emergency repair at sea with duct tape. While at the lovely Ko Olina Marina, in Oahu, La Mer received a new main, many replacement blocks, new winches, preventer lines, boom brake, boom-kicker, more solar panels, which necessitated a major rewiring, and a haul-out/bottom paint.



Wow.

All the while we were afforded the opportunity to enjoy Oahu and the beautiful island of Kauai.



Hawaii to French Polynesia

On April 5, 2022, La Mer was ready and we set sail for Tahiti – normally a 21-day sail. Soon after departing we hit a major storm, necessitating 30 days of maintenance on the Kona coast of the Big Island of Hawaii. After departing Kona, we endured seemingly endless storms, fighting wind and waves to achieve the necessary Easting for Tahiti. We consumed so much diesel it was necessary to make an emergency diversion to Christmas Island, Kiribati. Despite Kiribati being closed for Covid, we eventually received fuel, water and provisions. Continuing on our way, we finally arrived at Marina Taina, Tahiti on June 7 – 63 days after departing Ko Olina and many prayers later!

French Polynesia to Fiji

La Mer arrived Tahiti, totally broken and could not support life – broken generator, alternator, water-maker, refrigerator, freezer and torn jib (tape repair sustained this sail for another 5 months). While in French Polynesia, we swam with the Humpback whales, and enjoyed a number of

wonderful anchorages. After managing to make all repairs we embarked for Fiji. This was an absolutely perfect passage and one we desperately needed to lift our morale from the previous nightmare of the Tahitian passage. Great wind, seas and Meredith's phenomenal cooking. We left French Polynesia with a broken chart plotter, and made an emergency stop at Niue to repair. While at Niue we witnessed many Humpback cows cavorting with their young. We also witnessed a birth within 3 meters of La Mer. A magical emergency stop indeed.

Fiji to New Zealand

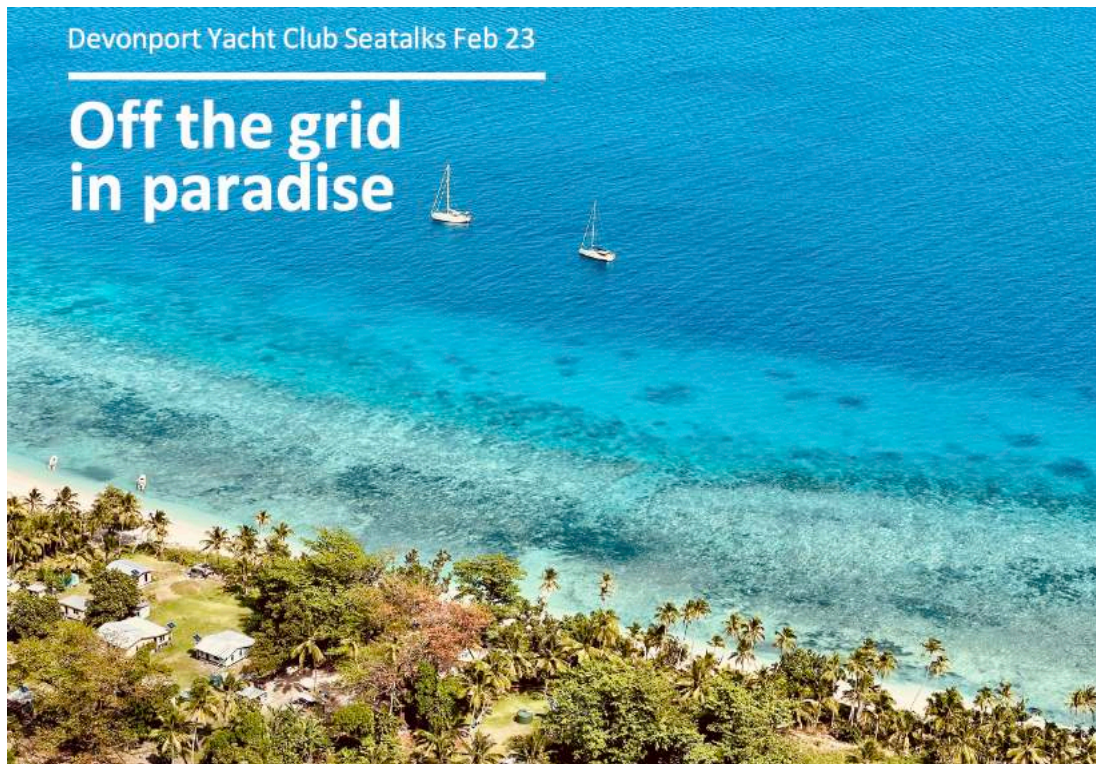
We arrived Port Denarau, Fiji where Meredith immediately sustained a terrible fall, splitting her skull and injuring her nose. Meredith was in near-constant pain during our 2-month stay in Fiji. The kindness of the beautiful Fijians was paramount to her healing process. We lived like locals in Fiji making incredible friends simply embracing the culture into our hearts. With help of our fellow sailor and neurosurgeon friend, Dr. Riedy, from Cerebral Seabtical (who we first met in Mo'Orea, FP), Meredith felt safe enough to depart for New Zealand late October, only to discover here in New Zealand that she had broken her back as well. For the first two days, we battled 2.5 meters sea and 35-knot wind. We made great time, but in the process, 4 of the 6 bolts retaining the jib boom to the deck sheared. Fortunately, the foresail and forestay rigs did not fail, which would have been catastrophic. We sailed the last 6 days on main alone and arrived on a wonderful morning in Opuia. La Mer remains at Bay of Islands Marina, where she is receiving a host of repairs and upgrades. We are safely ashore at our wonderful land base in Devonport where we have hosted a multitude of friends, including Dr. Reidy.

Up Next

Australia.



Ed. Don, Meredith and Lucy are currently living in Devonport while their yacht undergoes repairs in Opuia. They belong to the Hawaii Yacht Club in Honolulu, and would like to exchange burgees with NYC. Great plan!



Two boats berthed opposite each other in Bayswater Marina, two local husband and wife sailing teams looking for adventure, two long-held dreams finally realised.

This is a story of two sailing couples from Devonport Yacht Club wanting to explore the South Pacific during the Kiwi winter of 2022. But even before the 5000-plus nautical mile round trip could be undertaken there was a mountain of paperwork to navigate: Covid checks, sea survival courses, advanced medical kits to acquire (and learn how to use), Cat 1 certificates, passage planning, provisioning and not least of all, a couple of sailing vessels to make ready. For DYC members Richard Loseby and his wife Libby on 'Bella Vita' - a 1989 Cavalier 45, and Simon and Mia Hooker on 'Blue Oceans' - a Swedish X-Yachts design, it meant a lot of love, time, money and coffee to sort out, but this they did just in time to sail north with the Island Cruising Association in early May .



Sometimes together, at other times choosing their own path, these boating friends sailed as far as Fiji's remote Falaga and Ogea in the Southern Lau, two of the world's most iconic cruising destinations. On the way they discovered the delights of beautiful isles like Taveuni, Kiora, Rabi, Matagi, Budd Reef, Como and Vanua Belavu to name but a few outstanding areas. Bella Vita eventually ventured over the top of Vanua Levu to Kia Island and the Great Sea reef, working their way slowly to the Yasawas. While Blue Oceans tackled the direct route across the Koro Sea, a 250+ mile downwind leg via Kadavu Island to the Mamanucas.



Richard & Libby



Mia & Simon



Almost two months later, meeting up again in the Yasawas was a rowdy reunion for the two boats, as well as many others from the 2022 ICA Rally, with incredible stories told long into the warm tropical nights. In late September, courses were plotted further west, Bella Vita to Vanuatu, Blue Oceans to New Caledonia, once again reuniting in Noumea before heading for NZ. In six months, a lifetime was well and truly lived.

This February 23 at Devonport Yacht Club, as part of the SeaTalks presentations, come and hear these four friends talk through their experiences: what worked, (and what didn't), what each will do differently next time, the best anchorages, the art of provisioning, solar and wind power v genset, water collection v water makers, plus all you need to know about cruising with OpenCPN, the game changing free software for navigation and reef avoidance in the islands.



OpenCPN showing a typical narrow reef pass, Albert Cove



Falaga Island, Southern Lau





DYC – Seataalks

Off the grid
in paradise



Richard & Libby

Mia & Simon



Join DYC members Richard, Libby, Simon and Mia (Bella Vita, Blue Oceans) as they discuss their six months sailing Fiji, Vanuatu and New Caledonia last year; the long passages, the wonderful people, the remote regions few get to experience, what worked and what didn't, as well as the more practical aspects of cruising life in the islands including OpenCPN, the game-changing, reef-avoiding navigation software.

7.30pm Thursday 23 February 2023

All welcome. The club bar will be open. Aim to be there by 7.15pm to secure your seat.





DYC – Seataalks



Callum Gillespie, CEO Coastguard NZ

Callum Gillespie is the CEO of Coastguard New Zealand. A husband, father, keen sailor and former Royal Navy submariner, Callum will talk to members about how a boy from the West of Scotland found himself leading New Zealand's primary marine rescue organisation, what he has learned along the way and his vision for Coastguard.

7.30pm Thursday 23 March 2023

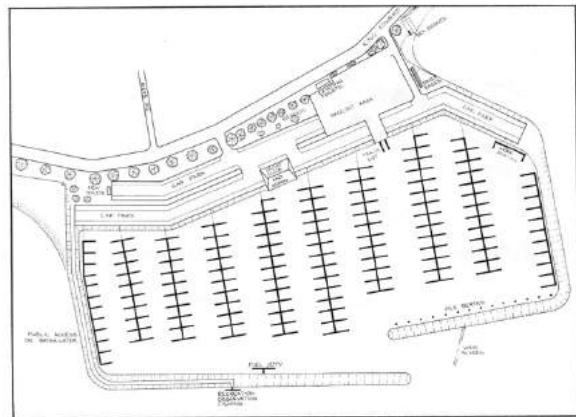
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PICTURES FROM THE PAST

By Chris Leech ED*

This in the series of articles in which I intend to highlight some of the early historical photographs from the Archives of the Devonport Yacht Club. All photographs published in these articles remain the property of the original owners; they are included on the condition that they are not reproduced in any other form without prior permission of the owner, or their representative.



Can you identify the main features and location of these photos? All answers to the author. However, the answers will be in the next newsletter. If there are any corrections to my answers, please let me know.

PTO for answers to December's photo quiz:



Answers to December's photo quiz



Photo 1: Clive Johnson and Alan Grant in Valencia (Z89) off Torpedo Bay and heading for the “fishnets”, the wartime anti-submarine harbour defence barrier.

Photo 2: Blurry but historic shots of Nada wrecked on the Cow.

Photo 3: The wreck of the Rewa on Motuketekete Island. Most of it has now gone, but the bay is still a wonderful place to visit.

Photo 4: A rare yet wonderful photograph of Blue Moon with her original Free Standing Cat Rig.

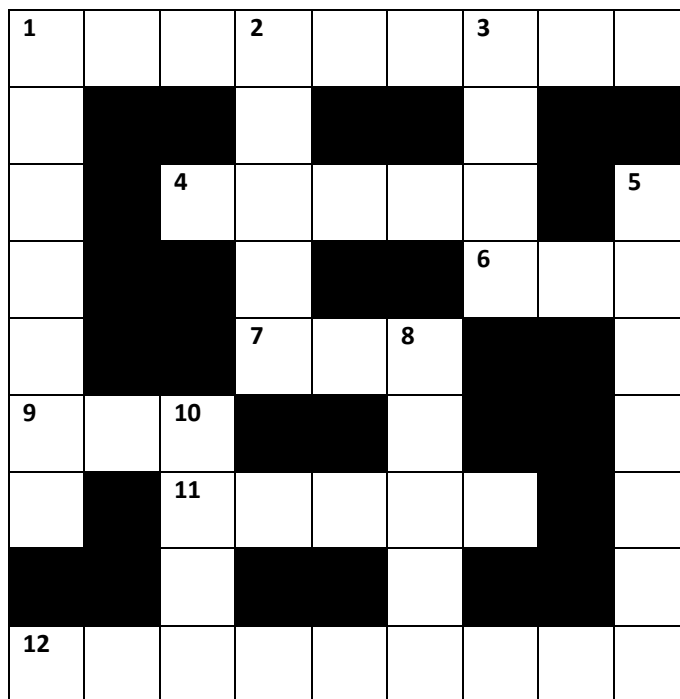


FUN AND GAMES

Anchored in Paradise Bay, Bay of Islands, bucket-size raindrops are rinsing salt from decks that yesterday were too hot to stand on barefoot. So, to amuse myself and hopefully also you, I made this quick crossword. Enjoy!

By Paula Shelton

DYC Quick Crossword # 1



Across

1. Colourful downwind accelerator (9)
4. Entry to Bay of Islands (5)
6. About when you'll get there (3)
7. Races start at 1000 of these (3)
9. Roughly when you'll set off (3)
11. Ready...? (5)
12. Upright on the side deck (9)

Down

1. Always right (7)
2. Sailmaker on the compass (5)
3. See 1 Across (4)
5. Girl behind a breeze by another name – or am I winding you up? (7)
8. Direction everything goes when things are not going well (5)
10. Information (4)



CELESTIAL NAVIGATION: FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2023

Aquarius (January 21-February 20)



Love is on your horizon. Plan a trip to somewhere like Paradise with someone you love. But remember, the path to true love may not be smooth.

Pisces (February 21-March 20)



You may be feeling becalmed. To get moving again, don't be afraid to try something new! Chateaubriant's new menu is coming...

Aries (March 21-April 20)



Now's a good time to pass your knowledge on to others. Take your time. There's no rush, but Seataalks* will be a good avenue...

Taurus (April 21-May 21)



Strong, practical, and resolute, your work may be a grind but can be very rewarding. A nautical Duder** could be on your radar...

Gemini (May 22-June 21)



Geminis especially benefit from time spent in nature. Head out to sea if the mood strikes but remember the influence of the sun is strong especially in February — slip, slap, slop!

Cancer (June 22-July 22)



Look forward to success! This is your time to shine and take on new responsibilities. The flag hoist team*** may have an opportunity for you.

Leo (July 23-August 22)



Courageous and assertive, your artistic talents come to the fore in March. Put your creative talents to work on new projects like contributing to the DYC newsletter****.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)



You'll likely resent your loss of freedom in February and March but take care when organising sailing trips to make sure you won't be away too long — your DYC buddies will miss you!



Libra (September 23-October 23)

Too many responsibilities be threatening to overwhelm your days. Keep close to water to keep them at bay.



Scorpio (October 24-November 22)

Be especially careful not to let success go to your head as this could trigger protestations that call your skill and judgement into question.



Sagittarius (November 23-December 21)

The urge to leave the city rush behind and get close to nature is strong. Don't hold back —ask a friend***** to recommend a yacht to crew on.



Capricorn (December 22-January 20)

Friendships will blossom and your popularity will grow. Reconnecting with colourful characters from your youth will be important to you.

Useful DYC contacts to help you navigate February and March with ease:

* Geoff Evans organises Seataalks at DYC. 021 777 251

** Duder Cup Regatta notice of race and race entry www.dyc.org.nz/sailing/programme

*** Geoff Evans also organises the Flag Hoist Team. See above.

**** Contributions to newsletter@dyc.org.nz please. Paula and Geoff (again!)

*****Hugh Maguire, Sailing Master, maguirehugh@hotmail.com



CLASSIFIEDS



Cruiser/racer Zilch for Sale: Allan Warwick design

\$7,450

Allan Warwick Stratus 747

Great weekender boat for cruising or racing in the Hauraki Gulf. Ready to sail! Stratus 747, Allan Warwick design. Hull is fibre over kauri; top & deck fibre over plywood. White gelcoat w some surface repairs & scratches. Aluminium mast & boom; stainless steel rigging. stainless steel & carbon fibre bow sprit. (Approx 80 cm). Depth 1.5 m, length 7.5 m excl. bow sprit. 1800 kg. Sail number 4555, year unknown, probably eighties. Selling as is, where is.

Upgrading to larger keeler so Zilch has to go. (A swap may be considered). Easy to handle & a great sailing boat. Moored in Stanley Bay -- mooring not included. In winter season the boat is on the hard with the Devonport Yacht Club. Still sailing with her - please contact when interested!

Anne Staal: 022 156 99 55



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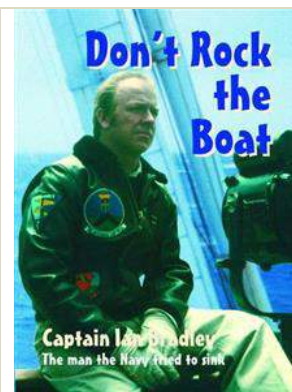
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DYC LIBRARY BOOK REVIEWS

DON'T ROCK THE BOAT : THE MAN THE NAVY TRIED TO SINK

Captain Ian Bradley

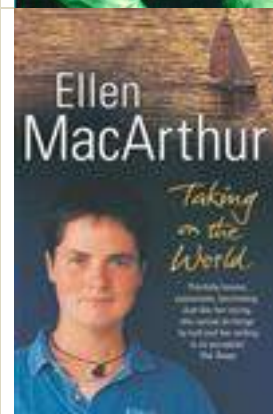
A controversial figure, his removal from command fuelled speculation the Navy hierarchy could not cope with the almost inevitable probability that he would eventually become chief of Defence Force. The book includes excerpts from his reports of proceedings from his time in command and court records.



TAKING ON THE WORLD

Ellen MacArthur

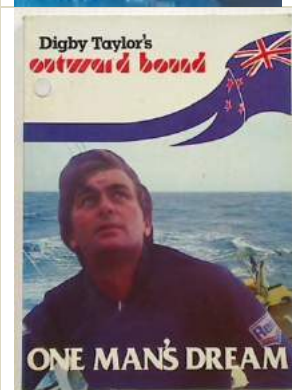
The author tells her story from saving up to buy her first boat, through sailing around Britain as a teenager, to racing the Vendee Globe itself.. Enthralling and inspiring in equal measure, it shows courage, passion and determination can overcome all obstacles and how one young woman made her dreams come true.



DIGBY TAYLOR'S OUTWARD BOUND : ONE MAN'S DREAM

Alan Parker

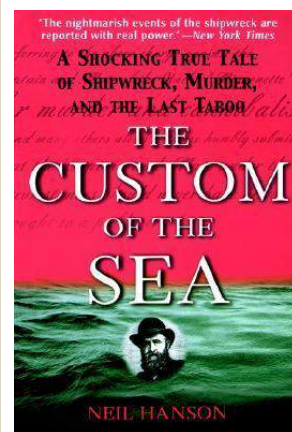
To Digby, winning the Whitbread Around The World Yacht Race would be the ultimate of his yachting ambitions. According to the Royal Sailing Association in England under whose auspices the race is organised, it is an event that tests and stresses people and equipment to the extreme limits and provides a degree of adventure seldom achieved elsewhere in our modern world.



THE CUSTOM OF THE SEA

Neil Hanson

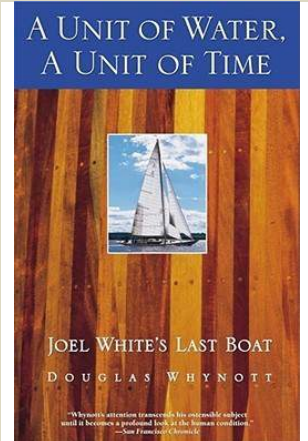
Halfway through a 12,000 mile voyage from Southampton to Sydney the yacht 'Mignenette' and its three member crew were beset by a monstrous storm and the boat sank. Cast adrift 1000 miles from landfall with no food or water the men endured a horrible 24 day ordeal. Faced with almost certain death the captain resorted to a grisly practise common among seamen at that time ,< the custom of the sea> He killed the weakest of the them and the body was eaten. In time the riveting account of the ordeal and the sensational murder trial that followed, the author recreates the shocking event that held the nation of Queen Victoria spellbound.



A UNIT OF WATER A UNIT OF TIME : JOEL WHITE'S LAST BOAT

Douglas Whynot

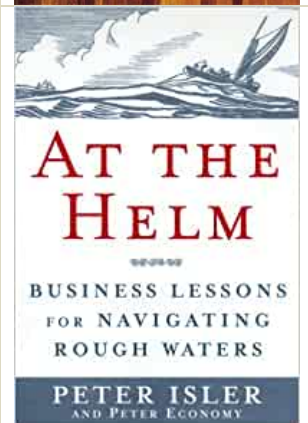
The author portrays a gentle, timeless oceanside community whose humorous inhabitants care for one another deeply but express their emotions in their deeds not their words.



AT THE HELM : BUSINESS LESSONS FOR NAVIGATING ROUGH WATERS

Peter Isler

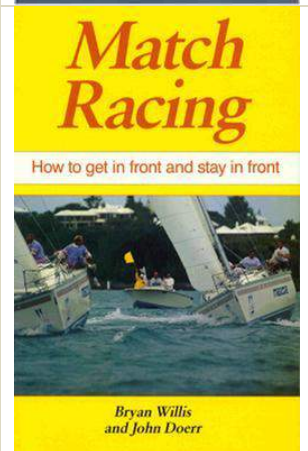
In both business and sailing, only the best led, best trained, most highly motivated teams win. The author translates the secrets of success in the fast paced world of Grand Prix sailboat racing into a series of specific lessons that managers can apply to their day to day jobs.



MATCH RACING : HOW TO GET IN FRONT AND STAY IN FRONT

Brian Willis and John Doerr

Match racing skippers need to develop unique skills to be successful, but more than anything they need to understand the game. The book explains the rules which apply to the game and a comprehensive range of tactical scenarios show the moves and countermoves which can be made to outmanoeuvre ones opponent pre-start and get out in front and stay there.



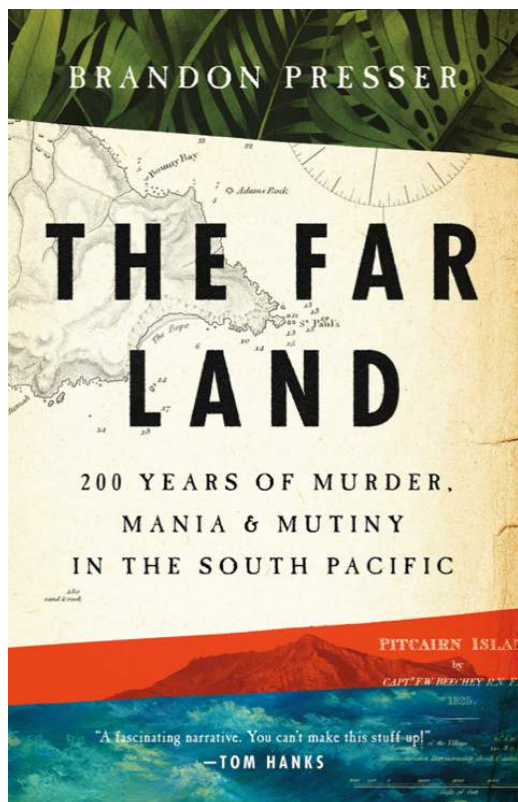
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It's always worth browsing the shelves for something interesting to read.



BOOK REVIEWS FROM BOAT BOOKS



THE FAR LAND

200 years of Murder, Mania and Mutiny in the South Pacific.

By Brandon Presser. Softback , 0.45kg, 153mm x 233mm, 327 pages. Published 2022.

\$40.00

In 1808, an American merchant ship happened upon an uncharted island in the South Pacific and unwittingly solved the biggest nautical mystery of the era: the whereabouts of a band of fugitives who, after seizing their vessel, had disappeared into the night with their Tahitian companions.

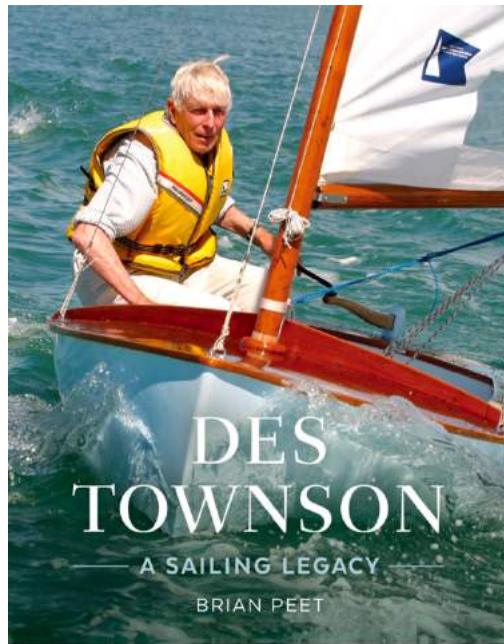
In 2018, Brandon Presser went to live among its families; two clans bound by circumstance and secrets. There, he pieced together Pitcairn's full story: an operatic saga that holds all visitors in its mortal clutch – even the author. Seven generations later, the island is still inhabited by descendants of the original mutineers, marooned like modern castaways.

The Far Land goes beyond the infamous Mutiny on the Bounty, offering an unprecedented glimpse at life on the fringes of civilisation, and how, perhaps, it's not so different from our own.



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